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Timely Tidbits ...

Deadline Approaches for No-fee Sale Permit

Last year's "City-wide No-fee Yard Sale" – held during the Memorial Day holiday weekend – was such an enormous success that it's back by popular demand. This year's free permits are good for four days: Thursday, May 29, through Sunday, June 1.

In order to give the Recreation Department time to compile a list of sale sites and promote the event through flyers and local newspapers, permit applications must be filled out at the Recreation office no later than Friday, May 16.

For more information, please call 942-6852.

City To Sponsor Free Dumping

The City of Romulus Department of Public Works (located at 34100 Goddard Road) has announced that Romulus residents will be able to take advantage of free dumping on the following dates: Saturday, May 17, and Saturday, May 24, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday through Friday, May 19–23, from 8 to 3 p.m.

The following rules apply to dump use:

- All users must show proof of residency.
- No commercial dumping is permitted.
- No more than two loads may be dumped per day.
- A maximum of four tires will be accepted; all tires must be dumped separate from other debris.
- Materials considered unacceptable for dumping include concrete; dirt; paint; tree limbs/trunks or other yard waste; liquid waste such as petroleum products and other chemicals; and large items such as sheds, boats, cars, and engines.
- Anyone entering the dumping area does so at his/her own risk.

For more information, call the DPW at 942-7579. □

Michigan Leads Nation with Teen Driver Law

When Public Act 387 – the "Graduated Licensing Law" – took effect last month, Michigan became the first state in the U.S. to adopt National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommendations increasing the effectiveness of driver education. The new law's three-stage system differs significantly from previous teen-licensing provisions.

"AAA Michigan's *Portrait of a Young Driver* study, released in late 1994, proved that teen drivers are much more at risk than members of the general population – up to four times as likely to be involved in a fatal crash," said Ron Steffens, President and CEO of AAA Michigan. "With leadership from State legislators such as Representative Dan Gustafson (R-Williamston), I'm proud to say we were able to pass the graduated licensing law, which we hope will be a lifesaving measure."

As part of the new law, teens are required to spend 50 hours of practice driving with a parent, legal guardian, or other person over 21 as designated by a parent or legal guardian. Teens and their parents can form a "partnership for survival" as they learn how to drive safely together on State roads.

Graduated Licensing Law

Graduated licensing is a step-by-step process which gradually increases driving privileges as young drivers gain experience behind the wheel. The restrictions in place at each level of licensing help young drivers develop safe

driving habits, which allows them to gain knowledge, skills, and experience.

Level 1 – Allows a young driver to operate a motor vehicle only when accompanied by either a licensed parent, licensed legal guardian, or a licensed driver over 21 who has been designated by a parent or guardian. To obtain a Level 1 license, the young driver must:

- be at least 14 years, 9 months old;
- complete Segment 1 of a driver education course approved by the Michigan Department of Education, including six hours of on-the-road driving;
- pass a vision test and meet health standards set by the Secretary of State;
- obtain written approval from a parent or legal guardian to obtain a Level 1 license.

Level 2 – Allows teens to drive without supervision except from midnight to 5 a.m. Driving is only permitted from midnight to 5 a.m. if driving to and from employment or if driving with a parent or legal guardian. To obtain a Level 2 license, the young driver must:

- be at least 16;
- successfully complete six months of practice driving at Level 1;
- complete Segment 2 of a driver education course approved by the Michigan Department of Education;
- have no convictions, license suspensions, or crashes during the 90-day period immediately prior to applying for a Level 2 license;

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Romulus Schools Host Parenting Fair

The first Romulus Community Schools Parenting Fair will be held in the cafeteria at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road) on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parents who attend will be entered in a drawing and will have a chance to win several prizes, including free overnight stays at hotels, a dinner for two, and gift certificates for flowers and groceries, carwashes, ice-cream cones, and more. Refreshments will be served.

The goal of the fair is to provide parents of preschool and school-age children with a wealth of information regarding child development, nutrition, health services, child-care facilities, and child-related agencies in our area. In addition, vendors will be on hand to sell educational books, toys, and games.

"The 'open house' format will allow parents to come any time during the four-hour period and spend as much time as they wish," explained Earl Corbett, Wick School principal and chairman of the Preschool Committee, which is sponsoring the event. "Our goal is to share information and resources with as many parents as possible in a casual, relaxed atmosphere."

Agencies represented will include Head Start, Community Care Services, Eastwood Clinic, Downriver Guidance Clinic, and Oakwood Health Prevention Network. The school district will be represented by My Friends and Me Child Care, the MDE Preschool Program, a home-school liaison/social worker, and a school nurse.

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THE FACTS

The Problem

- In 1995, 310 persons between the ages of 16 and 20 were killed on Michigan roads. More than 37,000 teens were injured.
- Sixteen- to 20-year-olds account for more than 20% of all driver fatalities, but make up only 8.3% of all the licensed drivers.
- In some school districts, students are provided as little as two hours instructional driving time behind the wheel.
- While young drivers do only 16.3% of their driving at night, 30% of their crashes occur in the dark.
- Feelings of "invulnerability" among young drivers are responsible for risky behaviors behind the wheel.

(Michigan State Police,
University of Michigan)

The Solution

- Graduated licensing requires a minimum of six hours of training behind the wheel with an instructor. In addition, students must log 50 hours of practice driving with a parent or legal guardian.
- Ten hours of practice driving must be completed during nighttime hours.
- Students must remain free of crashes, civil infractions, and moving violations prior to receiving a Level 2 or Level 3 license.
- Students must pass a vision test and meet health standards set by the Secretary of State.
- Students must pass a road test conducted by an independent road-testing agency approved by the Secretary of State.
- In addition to the requirements established by the graduated licensing system, drivers are also subject to the standard probationary period of three years. Both programs may result in an extension of probation or delayed advancement to the next licensing level. □

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

Open House at Nursery

The Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery – a nonprofit organization – will host an Open House at Miller School (located at 18955 Hannan Road in New Boston) on Wednesday, May 7, from 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. All parents of children ages 2½ through six are urged to attend with their child.

The Open House will provide those who attend with an excellent opportunity to see the classroom and the activities in which children will be involved, and to meet Mrs. Lois Winfield, Huron Countryside Co-op's teacher. Mrs. Winfield is a former kindergarten and Head Start teacher whose teaching technique and nurturing way with children is unsurpassed. She is loved and adored by the children, as well as by the parents of the Co-op.

All of the classes have been busy this year with educational trips to the

nature center, airport, fire department, and butterfly exhibit at the zoo, to name just a few. In the classroom, we learn about various subjects, from dinosaurs to presidents. But Mrs. Winfield is not always so "serious." We have "PJ Day," "Backwards Day," a special evening for the dads, and a day for grandparents, and also have time to cover all the holiday parties, too. We spent the day at Toy Story on Ice, and the children loved it. The list of activities goes on and on.

The Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery is a wonderful place to start your child's journey on the road of education. Come and see for yourself: join us for Open House. You'll be glad you did!

Joline Ripple

Clark Says Thanks

Thank you, Romulus Chamber of Commerce, for honoring me at your 17th Annual Person of the Year Banquet. I was proud to receive this award from such a distinguished organization.

I would also like to thank the community agencies, guests, and friends who attended the banquet for sharing with me a memorable and gala affair.

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RHS Health Symposium Draws 200+ Student Visitors



Thurston High School's Kelly Karchefski and Hazen Longthorn were among those who attended the Health Symposium at RHS.

More than 200 high-school students from neighboring school districts visited Romulus High School for its fourth annual student-directed symposium. This year's discussion topic focused on good health habits and was entitled, "Health: Doctoring the Mind, Body, and Soul."

Principal Dan Hurst believes that students are better citizens and receive a more meaningful education when their classrooms are expanded into the community. Student-directed symposia afford them this opportunity.

"Our students worked with various agencies, and were empowered to explore, take risks, and cooperatively work together to produce these symposium sessions," said Hurst.

Nine different health topics were researched by Romulus students and presented to the visiting students during the symposium. Visitors were able to choose from among the following sessions: Diabetes, Drugs/Alcohol and Common Sense, Eating Disorders, Healthy Eating, Jazzercise, Mental Health, Organ Donation, Physical Fitness, and Stress. Each session lasted 55 minutes, and allowed for frequent discussion.

"I was happy to see the Narcotics Anonymous posters throughout the

building," stated Kelly Karchefski, a student at Thurston High School. "This symposium was very informative and well organized, and I congratulate the students and staff at Romulus for such an outstanding program."

Fellow Thurston High School student Hazen Longthorn agreed: "These students really knew their subject matter well. The school is very friendly, and I certainly would come back."

Romulus High School junior Becky Oleszkowicz was the symposium moderator. Oleszkowicz was pleased with the outcome and felt that the hard work put in by all the students and staff was appreciated by the visitors.

"Everything just seemed to fit smoothly," she said. "We have been working on this since August 1996, and it is satisfying to see it work out so well."

This wonderfully meaningful student learning opportunity was made possible by a Learn and Serve America grant from the Michigan Department of Education. The grant was written, and is being directed, by Kathy Hurst.

"Service learning allows students to apply their knowledge to the real world, and then assess the real effects of their efforts based on the feedback they receive," she explained.

Like all the adults who were involved in this project, Hurst is greatly appreciative of the students and community members whose participation made this project so successful. □

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Community Calendar

- Godspell** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive, across from Michigan Memorial Park, in New Boston) will present *Godspell*, the musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, on Friday, May 2 and 9, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 3 and 10, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 4 and 11, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults/\$8 for seniors and students. For information, call 782-5380.
- Romulus Wesleyan Church Hosts Garage Sale** – The Romulus Wesleyan Church will hold a garage sale at the Church parsonage (located at 9650 Ozga Road) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7; Thursday, May 8; and Friday, May 9. Stoves (\$25), small appliances, clothes, baby items, and more will be offered for sale. Call the Church (941-1511) for directions.
- Baseball Skills Competition** – Children ages seven through 14 are invited to participate in the free "Fleer Diamond Baseball Skills Competition," set for 12 p.m. on May 10 at Elmer Johnson Park. Register at the Romulus Recreation Department (located at 36515 Bibbins) by Friday, May 9. Call 942-6852 for more information.
- Mary Ann Banks Park Dedication** – Kennedy Park will be rededicated as "Mary Ann Banks Park" in a ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 17, beginning at noon. The public is invited to attend.
- ADHD Parent Information Meeting** – Parents of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) are invited to attend a free information meeting to be held at Barth Elementary School on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. A professional from Eastwood Clinic will lead discussion about such topics as the possible causes of ADHD, the distinctions between Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and ADHD, effective behavior-management techniques, and medication and alternative therapies. For more information, contact Elise Cianciola, home-school liaison, at any Romulus elementary school.
- Horseshoe Club Seeks Members** – Newcomers are welcome to join the Romulus Horseshoe Club, which meets Tuesday evenings at Elmer Johnson Park. Questions? Call James Norville: 422-7530.
- Crafters/Vendors Wanted** – Volunteers from the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee are working hard to create a street festival to be held in downtown Romulus September 20–21, but they need your help to make it a success! The committee is currently taking applications from crafters, merchandise vendors, and food vendors who would like to participate, as well as entertainers who would like to volunteer to show off their talents. For crafter/vendor information or applications, please call Susan Watts at 941-0476 (before 8 p.m.) or Maria Lambert at 942-7543 (before 6 p.m.). For entertainer information, call Ellen Bragg at 942-9207 (between 3 and 8 p.m.).
- Special Needs PAC Needs You!** – The Romulus Special Needs Parent Advisory Committee wants to serve as a communication link between parents/guardians of "special needs" children and the school district. The group hopes to increase public awareness, put on workshops, and develop a handbook for special services. For more information, call 941-7330 or 941-4249 and leave a message.
- Applications Accepted for Kindergarten Readiness Program** – The Romulus Community Schools kindergarten readiness program (MDE program) – conducted at the Mt. Pleasant Center (located at 39000 Superior) – is currently accepting applications. Children must be four years old by December 1, 1997, in order to qualify. This program is free to eligible families, and services all families who meet at least two of the 25 established criteria. For more information, call 941-0610, ext. 40, or drop in at the Center (Room #19).

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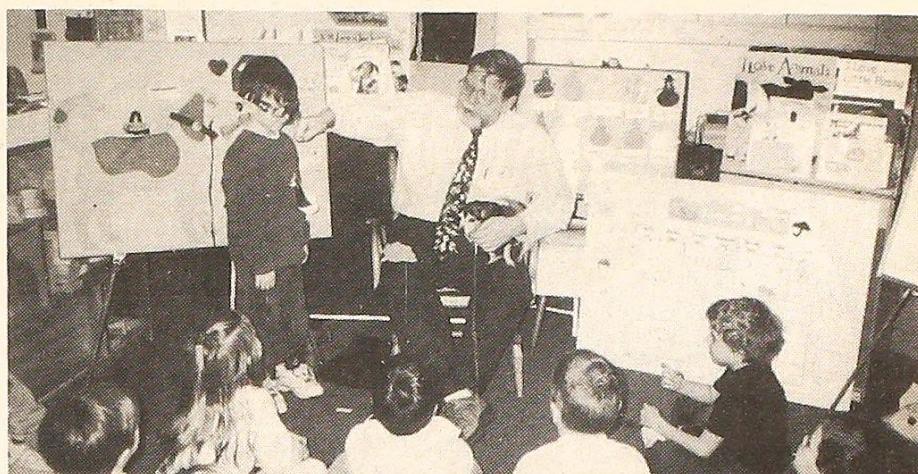
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Ron Blauet, Educational Director for the Humane Society, visited the classes and talked to the children about the care and needs of animals. He brought along his pet, Noodles, to demonstrate proper care.

Later, the children visited the Westland branch of the Michigan Humane Society, where they saw puppies, kit-

tens, dogs, cats, mice, and bunnies that were available for adoption. They also visited the Veterinary Hospital at the Humane Society. The veterinarian talked to the children about the importance of animals getting their shots and proper medical care. They saw animals being operated on, and animals in the process of recovery.

All involved agree that the project has been a worthwhile experience. Besides learning about the needs and care of animals, the children are also participating in a project which helps our community. □

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SAC Plans Service Projects



Halecreek Student Advisory Council members plan service projects.

The Halecreek Student Advisory Council (SAC) consists of nine fifth- and sixth-grade students who have demonstrated leadership and good academic progress. These students were selected by their fellow classmates to represent student views and needs at Halecreek.

SAC members are Brentyn Owen, Bethany Hotchkiss, Chris Bailey, Glen Farmer, Jesse Patterson, Jerad Kiser, Ashley Much, and LaJoya Orr; advisors are Mrs. Mossoian and Mrs. Thompkins.

The SAC has planned several school service projects. They include:

- serving as hosts and hostesses for Halecreek's "Kindergarten Roundup" program on May 12 and "Career Day" on May 22; and
- organizing a "cleanup" project for Halecreek's school grounds.

The SAC takes pride in Halecreek, and wants other students to do the same.

SAC members are also discussing ways to make Halecreek a better place to learn. They are planning a survey of Halecreek students to identify the strengths and needs of the school from the "student perspective."

The SAC is striving to do its part to make Halecreek the best possible place for students, parents, and staff. □

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Students Make Honor Roll During Third Marking Period

Congratulations to the following students who made their school's honor roll during the third marking period of the 1996-1997 school year. (Note: An asterisk denotes those elementary-school students who received all "A" grades.)

Halecreek Elementary

Ms. Azzopardi (Grade Five)

Brandon Blankenbaker, Aaron King, Nicole Liendo, and *Cassie Tolstyka.

Ms. Garrity (Grade Five)

Natalee Adams, Elliot Craig-Bragg, Tommy Drayton, Emilio Gonzalez, *Ashley Gschwender, Jerad Kiser, *Kevin Kucharski, Vicky Luaj, Michael Mancine, Megan Mitchell, Ashley Much, Joey Saad, Kendra Williams, and Marissa Wilson.

Mrs. Slater (Grade Five)

Aamer Ahmad, Elizabeth Berry, Stephanie Clay, Tanya Formosa, Sarah Gentry, Joseph Goroni, Amanda Hall, Novella Haugabook, LaJoya Orr, Ricky Staten, DeRhonda Williams, and Kevin Zajac.

Mrs. Coleman (Grade Six)

Shannon Allen, Glen Farmer, Andrew Garfield, Candis Kizner, Allan Phillips, Latoya Pillow, Delisa Reeves, and Michael Rushlow.

Mr. Miller (Grade Six)

Chris Bailey, LaNeisha Brown, Amanda Crosby, Tanya Fehrenbach, Leroy Garrett, *Sarah Gray, Bethany Hotchkiss, *Nabila Khan, Renee Lazere, Summer Raines, Aisha Siddiqui, Dennis Thompson, Brandon Varga, Schlay Wooden, and Mark Woody.

Wick Elementary

Third Grade

Curtis Adams, *Lindsay Beresasay, James Bell, Brittni Brown, Darryl Carroll, Gregory Clever, Janie Coursey, *Jason Elwell, Matthew Gawne, Matthew Goley, Brittany Hampton, Octavia Hester, Ashley Horyn, Dawan Jackson, Danielle Keller, *Corey Koch, *Johnnie Manier, Monet McCroan, Travis Parker, Amber Pouncy, Jonathan Rafalski, John Sandefur, Robert Staffieri, Joshua Stechuk, Siera Stewart, Dennis Suiter, Brian Thiede, and Lola Wynn.

Fourth Grade

Nathan Abraham, Latoya Allen, Tiara Anderson, Kristen Atchley, Horace Baines, Ethan Bell, Shavon Bell, *Brenden Boyd, *David Butzin, Chavon Casey, Justin Chapman, Mauro Clark, David Coyne, James Deline, Scott Denys, Randi Ferrebee, Lakesha Fuller, *Alison Gravenstreter, Crystal Hahn, Shane King, Stephen Kish, Jared Kozma, Candace Lawrence, Kyerra Naugles, Candace Parsons, *Shawn Perkins, Marilaina Polk, Angelica Pouncy, Samantha Sandusky, Shaunta Simon, Tiffany Smith, Paulette Stanford, *Matthew

Steffani, Jamie Suiter, Tiffany Sweet, Jeremy Thomason, *Jessica Trahey, Lance Vaughn, Sarah Ward, and Shawnta Williams.

Fifth Grade

Jason Andrews, Amanda Cooper, Ron Cox, Rhiannon Crawford, James Davis, Lauren Fox, Sabrina Gomes, Christian Hadden, *Terry Harper, *Danielle Hendricks, Rashad Jackson, *Kristina Rafalski, *Sara Schulz, Daniel Sturgill, Deborah Thierry, and DePaul Wood.

Sixth Grade

Scott Blackburn, Katie Bolus, Ryan Boyd, Rodnelle Burns, Tiffany Burrell, Derrick Cohen, *Carlos Crockett, Eric Decker, Josephine Denys, Katie Eggers, Brenda Finley, Shahidah Hasan, *John Jenkins, *David Kettlewell, *Crystal Koch, *Hilary Kozma, Andrew McNeil, Rachael Parsons, *Heather Patrick, Randy Polk, Donald Richison, Miyon Smith, Tiffany Smith, LaToya Starr, *Jill Steffani, Ashley Stockdale, Laura Tanner, Matthew Thiede, Marcia Todd, Kiersten Wesley, and Jerry White.

Romulus Middle School

Seventh Grade

Shameah Abraham, Krista Alley, Amber Barnes, Amanda Bassett, Patrice Beasley, Nicole Bills, Brittany Bingham, Shanelle Bishop, Marida Bivens, Chrystal Blair, Angela Bowdler, Amy Bowman, David Boyd, Sarah Breeding, Kristen Brooks, Rachel Broom, Michael Bruckner, Miranda Burns, Ebitari Burutolu, Thomas Bussell, Elizabeth Cabaret, Jennifer Camilleri, Kelly Carroll, Jennifer Case, Jerry Clark, Jenny Cornelius, Leah Cotham, David Cox, Joshua Cutliff, Cortney Daniels, Dominique Daniels, Richard Davidson, Jennifer Davis, Ann Marie DeCamillo, Brandon DeMoisey, Stephanie Durtka, Raymond Eggers, Jonathon Fisher, Deborah Fox, Tia Garrett, Adam Gibbons, Michelle Gonzalez, Jordan Goodman, Jerome Gray, Sarah Hall, Jeremy Hendricks, Brandon Hicks, Thomas Hughes, Deana Hunter, Justin Jackson, Kevin Kendrick, Katherine Kortas, Tracy Lafehr, Gary Lee, Brian Longre, Christopher Love, Jasmine Mark, Andrea Marosan, Lonnie McCollum, Amelia McCray, Jazzmen Medley, Jason Miela, Bridgette Miller, Christopher Moore, Devon Mostry, Tasha Mullins, Erica Necker, Dana Noble, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Rubens Paille, Nicole Perva, William Polk, Arkeyta Porter, Stephen Potoczek, Antoinette Price, James Richardson, Amanda Rohde, John Rose, John Schenavar, Charles Searcy, Theresa Shelley, Kristen Singer, Antione Smith, Nichole Starnes, Stephanie Stillwagon, Melissa Thornton, Christina Tieppo, Monica Watson, Rose Wilson, Ray Woodrow, Chianta Wyatt, David Wyscaver, and Angela Zajac.

Eighth Grade

Heide Adams, Mubbeena Ahmad, Jennifer Andrews, Richard Angel, Kevin Baber, Craig Bailey, Julian Batie, Eric Bauman, Stephanie Blackburn, Chantel Blauvelt, Ryan Block, Thomas Bolus, Michael Boomer, Alan Brohl, Jason Brooks, Aaron Brown, Tara Brown, David Brugh, Renee Byard, Stephanie Canada, Erika Carmichael, Brandon Casey, Colleen Chamers, Samantha Clay, Jasmine Clinkscales, Andrea Deline, Jennifer Dewitt, Miesha Edwards, Samuel Estes, Tracie Finley, Aimee Fisher, Aricka Foreman, Roderick Freeman, Talisa Garcia, William Gibson, Kristin Godard, Adam Goniea, Justin Goodman, Tishona Gregory, Jacquelyn Hamilton, Brian Harper, Jennell Harper, Carla Harris, Tracy Hojara, Linsey Hoppe, Warren Howard, Keith Hubbard, Amy Hudson, Jay Jakeway, Nicole Johnson, Krystal Kaiser, Melaina Keller, Nayla Khan, Jessica Kortas, Amy Kruszelnicki,

Jeriesha Lee, Makenzie Logan, Valentina Luaj, Marla Manier, Pierre Matthews, Daniel May, Danielle McClue, Shante McClure, Nicole McMurdy, Viekysha McWilliams, Amanda Michniak, Loretta Miles, Kimberly Mingo, Crystal Minner, David Moomaw, Michael Mullins, Brandon Olson, Kimberly Parker, Shawna Pattenade, Geoffrey Raphael, John Ryznar, Emily Schulz, Ashley Slone, Amaris Smith, Carrie Spielman, Vicki Stevens, Helen Stewart, Christopher Talley, Keith Timbrooks, Jeremy Townsend, Jehiquita Tucker, Sara Turner, Charles Usztsics, Ryan Watts, and Rashad Woods.

Editor's note: As always, "the little paper" welcomes honor-roll lists from all Romulus-area elementary and secondary schools. Lists may be sent by mail or FAX (see the credit box, located on page 2, for address and/or FAX number). For more information, please call 941-1907 or 941-3113. □

PUBLIC NOTICE FROM ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

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NEW TEEN LICENSING LAW

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- complete a minimum of 50 hours of behind-the-wheel practice driving, including 10 hours of nighttime driving, that is certified by a parent or legal guardian;
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The graduated licensing program ends for all young drivers when they reach age 18.

Parent/Teen Video

To assist parents and teens in meeting the practice driving requirements of graduated licensing, AAA Michigan is making available a program that's called *Teaching Your Teens to Drive*. This multimedia kit includes a video and handbook with checklist and log, providing an easy, step-by-step process for parents and teens. In addition to providing instruction for practice driving sessions, the video and handbook will assist students in preparing for the new Secretary of State-administered road test. For more information, contact: Community Safety Services, AAA Michigan, 1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of May: Noel Baker, Lola Diebel, Jodi Dickason, Dorothy Icenogle, Verna Norris, Lewis Odom, Barbara Rhoades, and Helen Rounke.

Romulus Tower's Open House was Huge Success

The Romulus Tower's first annual Open House was a successful combination of informative tours, delicious dining (with food prepared by Tower manager Audry Moomaw), enjoyable entertainment (thanks to the talents of vocalist/musician Cecilia Lee), and raffled prizes. Moomaw would like to thank all the residents, applicants, and guests who made the event something that everyone could be proud of.

Law Day

Seniors are invited to join Romulus High School government students for a Law Day "mock trial" – to be presided over by 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green, with student (and some senior citizen) participants – on Tuesday, May 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served afterward. For more information, call the Center.

(Note: Special thanks to Judge Green, local attorney Brian A. Oakley, and Romulus police officer Tom Ellis, who have been a really big help with the planning of this program.)

A Bag of Groceries

On Monday, May 5, the Romulus Senior Center's van will be taking local seniors with low incomes to the Women's Relief Corp (located at 25465 Brest Road in Taylor), where they will receive a bag of groceries (please bring your own brown paper grocery bag, if you have one) for a \$2 donation. Proof of income, a Social Security card, and picture ID must be furnished by all recipients. Cost of transportation is \$. Sign up at the Center.

101 Dalmations

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *101 Dalmations*, starring Glenn Close and Jeff Daniels – will be shown on Friday, May 23, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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"Mother's Day" Potluck

This month's potluck dinner – to be held at the Center on Friday, May 9, beginning at noon – will be a Mother's Day celebration, so the folks at the Center are hoping that the men who attend will help out with the setup, cooking, and cleaning in order to give the ladies a break. (It shouldn't be too strenuous a task, since several wonderful students from Romulus Middle School will also be on hand to help, and to serve a dessert that they'll be making especially for the occasion.)

The main dish will be turkey and dressing. As always, bring a dish and bring a friend.

Senior Appreciation Day Picnic

Another "inter-generational event" that will bring Romulus senior citizens together with students from Romulus Middle School will be the annual Senior Appreciation Day Picnic, to be held at the Center on Monday, May 19, beginning at 11:30 a.m. It promises to be an event chock-full of good food and good times.

Advance registration (by calling or stopping in) is requested so that food and games can be planned accordingly.

Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhood are invited to attend the Center's next "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 8. Officer Tom Ellis of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand to offer his assistance and share his expertise.

Please come: Isn't your protection and peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

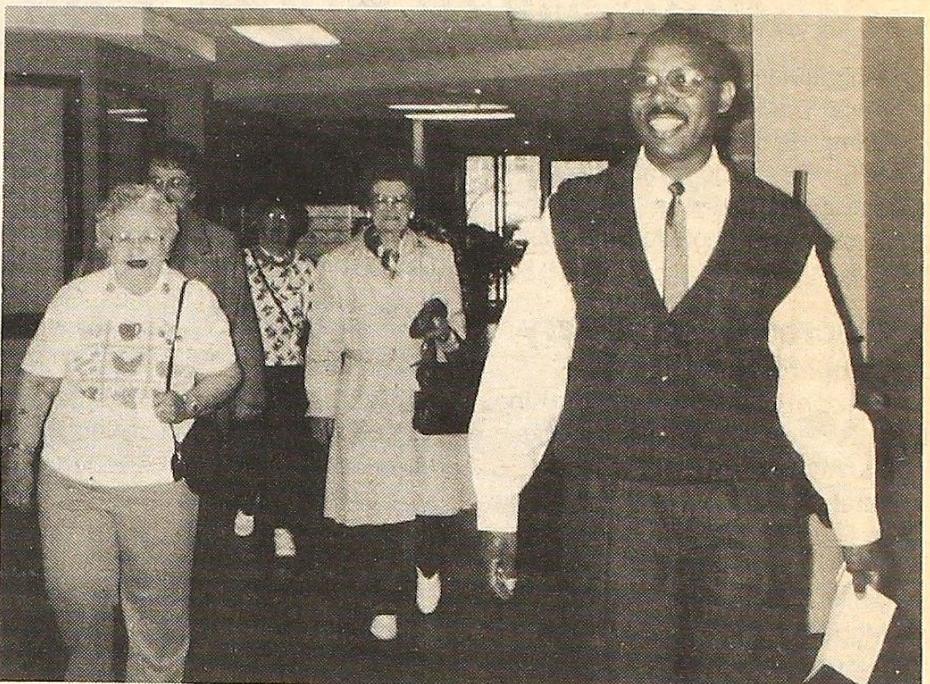
Exercise Sessions To Begin

Following the lead of Richard Simmons on his *Silver Foxes* tape, seniors can exercise at their own pace at the Center every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (beginning May 12) at 9 a.m.

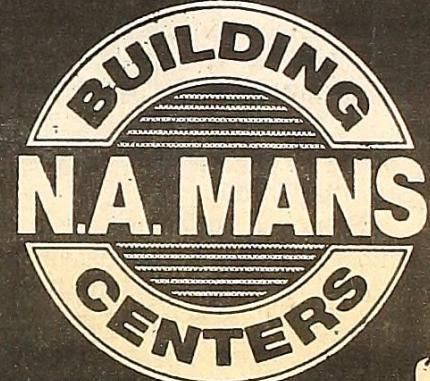
As always, the Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for senior citizens – has been set for Wednesday, May 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome. □



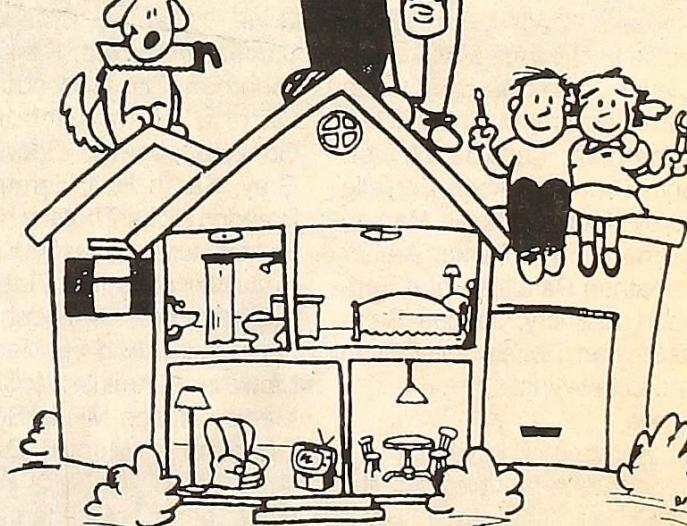
Randy Dumas (right) led tours during the Romulus Tower open house.



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Obituaries

Henry J. Champagne

Henry J. Champagne of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, April 17, 1997. He was 74 years old.

Born in Pinconning, Michigan, on June 3, 1922, the Whitehead & Kales Manufacturing Company retiree married Eleanor E. Orgeck in New Boston, Michigan, on August 29, 1942.

Henry is survived by his wife; one son, Randy Champagne (Ypsilanti, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Steve (Carol) Shaffer (Ypsilanti, MI); one brother, Russell Champagne; one sister, Mabel Pittman; two half-brothers,

Howard Champagne and Keith Ballinger; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one son, two brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 21, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (New Boston, MI), with the Reverend Robert Allman officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul's Church.

Ralph E. Miller

Ralph E. Miller of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, April 18, 1997, at the age of 83.

Ralph was born in Beach Creek, Pennsylvania, on July 27, 1913, and married Sara M. Stebbins on December 26, 1936.

Surviving Ralph are his wife; one son, Ralph E. Miller, Jr.; one daughter, Mrs. Barbara Black; four brothers, Roy, Jay, Blair, and Robert Miller;

five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one brother, Lonnie Miller.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Neil Swanger (Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus, MI) officiating at the service. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West (Westland, MI).

Laura E. (Saunders) Pratt

Laura E. (Saunders) Pratt of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 27, 1997. She was 86 years old.

Laura, the wife of the late Paul Baptiste Pratt, was born in Rochester, New York, on April 1, 1911.

She is survived by four daughters, Laurie Stoddard (Belleville, MI), Patricia Szewko (Dearborn Heights, MI), Phylis Begin (Gowen, MI), and

Janice Bray (Flint, MI); nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Ten brothers and one sister predeceased her.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 30, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the American Heart Association.

Emma (Opificius) Zilka

Emma (Opificius) Zilka of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, April 17, 1997, at the age of 88.

Born in River Rouge, Michigan, on January 27, 1909, Emma was married to Max P. Zilka until his death in 1972.

Emma is survived by three sons, Max Jr. (Taylor, MI), Marvin J. (Roscommon, MI), and Melvin R. Zilka (Romulus, MI); 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was pre-

deceased by three brothers, five sisters, two half-brothers, and one half-sister.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 21, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Robert Allman (St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul's Church. □

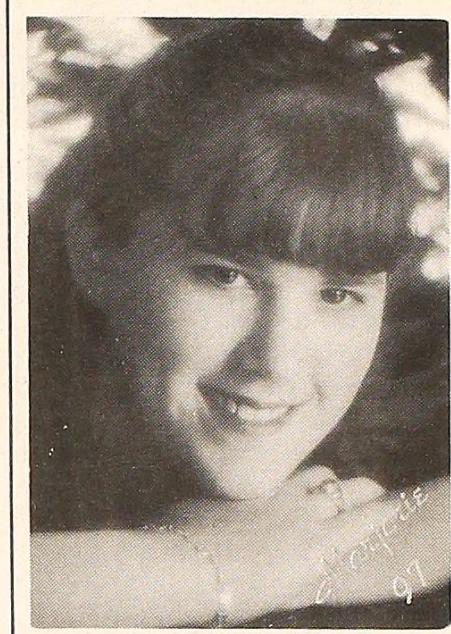
Congratulations

Sovinski Earns 4-year Scholarship

Congratulations to Divine Child High School graduate Marjorie F. Sovinski, who has been awarded a Full Insignis Scholarship at University of Detroit Mercy. The scholarship pays the recipient's tuition and room costs for four years.

Earning a Full Insignis Scholarship is considered quite an honor, since, in order to qualify, students must score a minimum of 27 on the American College Test (ACT) or 1200 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT); rank in the upper 10% of their class; and be involved in extracurricular activities.

Marjorie is the daughter of William J. Jr. and Catherine J. Sovinski of Romulus.



Marjorie Sovinski

Wagle Graduates from Nursing School

Congratulations are also in order for Rob Wagle of Romulus, who will graduate from Wayne State University's College of Nursing on May 5, 1997.

Especially proud of Rob and his accomplishment are his wife, Stephanie, and his three children: Matthew, Ashley, and Amanda. □

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